

ELECTRICAL BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
July 28, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Gloria Ashford, Vice Chairman Jim Simmons, Tom Phillips, Don Kopczynski, Fred Tricarico, Gloria Ashford, David A. Bowman, David S. Bowman, David Jacobsen, Charlene Clark, Geoffrey Newman, Tracy Prezeau and Secretary/Chief Electrical Inspector Ronald Fuller. Official transcripts state member Mike Hendrix, Lea Gaskill and Philip Parker were present but they were not present at this meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Item 1 Approve Minutes of April 28, 2005, Electrical Board Meeting

The April 28, 2005, meeting minutes for the Electrical Board were approved as written.

Item 2 Welcome New Member

Tracey Prezeau introduced herself to the Board as the new person filling one of the electrician board positions.

Item 3 Department Update

Patrick Woods gave a brief overview of the different programs within Specialty Compliance Services Division. Patrick mentioned that the department was trying to address the issue with Oregon and licensing reciprocity.

Item 4 Budget & Administrative Overhead & Region 4 Pilot Project

Ron Fuller reported that the budget report was not completed for the fiscal year but he knew there was a positive variance and the department did a good job managing the money again.

Item 5 Government Management, Accountability and Performance (GMAP)

Government Management, Accountability and Performance (GMAP) was created by Governor Gregoire as the tool to monitor the efficiency and effectiveness of state government. As stated in April the electrical program was chosen to participate in the pilot project to establish goals and reporting options to meet the Governor's expectations. The primary focus at this point is implementing good practices in the region to get inspectors out of the office faster so they can do more inspections. There are issues with that because customers are used to inspectors being available by phone more which is not as often now that they are getting into the field sooner. We are continuing to look at ways to increase the number of inspections done and decrease the wait time. One thing we are looking at is to implement rule revisions that move some things from the regular inspection process to Class B. We will look at how we do inspections to see if there are ways we could be even more efficient.

Item 6 JLARC-HVAC/R Study

JLARC has issued their preliminary report regarding the HVAC/R study they have been conducting. There were four items identified in the report: 1) The value of the certification and testing requirement; 2) The methodology and rationale for training requirements is not clear; 3) L&I should consider certifying other aspects of HVAC work; and 4) Electrical Board composition, legislature should revisit the membership statute to broadly represent regulated entities. The department concurred with all of these findings.

Item 7 RCW/WAC Update

Ron Fuller presented the department proposed language for interim WAC rule revisions. This includes adding types of electrical work that qualify for Class B random inspections, identifying some work that can be exempt from permits and inspections, clarified that electrical certification do not allow the individual to do plumbing work (this is not a change in the states requirements just clarifies some confusion the department consistently hears about), there are some other minor changes for consistency and clarity. Motion was made and passed to support the proposed changes to WAC 296-46B.

Item 7.5 Bylaws

Ron Fuller presented the draft version of the bylaws written by the Board's subcommittee. After some discussion and a few changes a motion passed to accept the bylaws.

Item 8 Secretary Report

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Revenue Status

The Electrical Fund balance through April 2005 was \$8,794,205.

Customer Service

During this past quarter, contractors used the Internet Purchasing of Electrical Permits (IPEP) system to purchase 28,781 permits. The last quarterly average of all permit purchases using IPEP is 58%.

During this past quarter, contractors used the Electrical Inspection Request Service (EIRS) to request 31,532 inspections. The quarterly average of all inspection requests done via EIRS is up 4% from last quarter to 43%.

The Electrical program plans to have the new system Electrical Permit & Inspection System (EPIS) available in August. This will allow all electrical customers the ability to purchase electrical permits using a credit or debit card (with Visa or MasterCard logo) and request inspections on the Internet. We will continue to offer the use of the contractor deposit (CD) accounts. This new system will combine the functions currently in IPEP and EIRS but will look different and will be open to all electrical customers.

The City of Auburn by ordinance has assumed control of electrical permits for projects in its city limits and has contracted with the Department of Labor and Industries to provide the service. The department has not implemented the agreement at this time but plan to in August with the release of EPIS.

Rule Revisions

The updated versions of the RCW & WAC are now available online. We will not be making cd's this year and we will require a \$5 fee for any printed copies provided by the department due to high printing cost.

The 2005-2006 WAC review process is underway and most positions on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) have been filled. There are just a few vacancies. Positions are now closed. Proposals were accepted from July 1 to July 15, 2005, we received approximately 25 proposals. We are in the process of compiling them for the TAC meeting on September 20, 2005.

Testing Lab Report

There has been one new testing labs approved which was Wyle Laboratories, Inc and there is another new application still under review.

Performance Measures

<u>Electrical Scorecard from July 2004 to June 2005</u>	
Goal (Target)	<u>State Totals</u>
1. Targeted Citations/Region/Quarter (1,176)	943
2. % Targeted Citations/Total Citations (45%)	47.9%
3. # of Individual Corrections/Contractor Corrections	4.7
4. % Stops <24 hours (89%)	82.2%
5. % Finals A/C of Finals Eligible (15%)	11.4%
6. # of Stops/Inspector Day (workload indicator only)	11.3
7. # of Electrical Disconnect Corrections	44,174

Electrical Licensing – The licensing staff continues to meet or exceed their goals of processing within three days.

Electrical Plan Review – Plan review's workload remains steady but they are still within their goal of less than one month processing time.

Electrical Examinations – See the certification report enclosed in the packets.

Item 9 Certification Quarterly Report

Ron Fuller stated that the department was reviewing the exams for the 2005 NEC. He mentioned the low pass rates for several of the exams and concerns that this may be because there are not schooling requirements for many of the specialty exams.

Item 10 National Ground Water Association

Ron Fuller informed the Board that Doug Erickson, Electrical Technical Specialist, had gone to a National Ground Water Association (NGWA) meeting to discuss exam development. They have a comprehensive program for overall certification of their industry. We discussed with them the potential of allowing their certification in lieu of the department's domestic well exam. Ron asked if the Board would support this type of action and the Board did by passing a motion to approve the department to adopt the NGWA's testing.

Item 11 Presentation of Final Orders

Lisa Marsh, Assistant Attorney General (AAG), had no final orders to present at this time.

Item 12 Appeals

12 a C & L Games

The department appealed the Administrative Law Judges (ALJ) decision that C & L Games did not violate RCW 19.28 by installing speaker cable in a commercial building without a valid electrical license. There was no one present to representing C & L Games. Lisa Marsh, AAG, represented the department. The Board issued a Final Order, which upheld the citation and reduced the penalty to \$50.00.

12 b Rande Warner

The department appealed the Administrative Law Judges (ALJ) decision that Rande Warner did not violate RCW 19.28. There was no one present to represent Rande Warner. Jason McGill, AAG, represented the department. The Board issued a Final Order reversing the ALJ's decision and upheld citation 36573 and 36574.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.